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Search Begins for New Library Director

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

By Marilou Newell

For more than a decade Mattapoisett's Free Public Library has been at the heart of the community, keeping pace with evolving technologies and the needs of the people it serves. At no other time in the library's history has it seen such swift-moving changes and associated demands. And there, deftly and expertly guiding this critical institution, has been the Library Director Susan Pizzolato.

But nothing lasts forever. Pizzolato recently announced that she would be retiring in June. Now the library trustees face the daunting task of replacing a highly respected and much-appreciated library director. The general consensus from town hall to neighborhood streets is that Pizzolato will be very hard to replace.



"She will be tremendously missed," declared Selectman Paul Silva, noting that since Pizzolato was hired, the changes and improvements that she has made to the library programming and the management of the staff reached, "...levels that could never have been imagined.

"I'd match our library up against any in the state," said Silva. He said finding someone to replace Pizzolato would be difficult at best, noting not only her professionalism but her "warm, caring manner."

Echoing those sentiments was Selectman Jordan Collyer who said, "Of all the retirements (he has had to face during his tenure), she's the one I'm going to miss the most! She has been phenomenal... there isn't a generation

in town that doesn't like to talk to her."

Silva and Collyer concurred, "...those are big shoes to fill."

Aiding the town's search committee is Community Paradigm Associates, LLC, a professional recruitment firm headed by Bernard Lynch.

After meeting with the search committee, which includes Library Trustee Chairman William Osier, Ruth Jolliffe, Jennifer Russell, Jennifer McIntire, and Bill Coquillette, Lynch said that a job description will be drafted and posted by mid-February. Applications will be received through March and reviewed through April with the goal of securing viable candidates for the Board of Selectmen's review in May.

The task will be made difficult, both Jolliffe and Osier said, because of the high bar set on every level by Pizzolato.

"We'll need someone with imagination, able to craft programming, someone who is respectful with the

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On the Cover: Robin Ragle, craftsman and jewelry maker brought her talents to the Mattapoisett Library on February 1. Ragle demonstrated techniques for making earrings and bracelets. Photo by Marilou Newell

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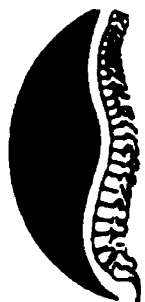
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same attention to the staff," said Jolliffe.

"She's earned her time off," stated Osier but, "... it's a job with many facets. It's important that we find someone with a vision for the future."

Osier said Pizzolato's retirement is also going to be felt by the staff she leaves behind.

"She is well-loved by the staff," he said. "It will be a difficult transition so we are going to involve them all along with way... no surprises."

For her part, Pizzolato feels blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve Mattapoisett.

"I love Mattapoisett," she quietly said. And she was thinking about the library staff when she sat down with the *Wanderer*, giving them much credit for the high level of programming and satisfaction the community feels about their library. "The library staff's opinions are critical."

Pizzolato said that libraries have to be safe welcoming places no matter how people define themselves. On that point, she said that the library and its staff have worked with the Healthy Tri-Town Coalition and other school programs in serving the LGBT community. "They are discrete in helping those who are looking for materials, helping them discover what they need," she said.

From computer technology to fishing rods, from three-dimensional printing to telescopes and baking pans, and reading and writing programs for all ages, the libraries of today must address much more than books, Pizzolato said. "People are still surprised when they come in and find all the things we have for them."

Adding the cultural events, lectures, classes on cooking or jewelry making and poetry reading, under Pizzolato's leadership the Mattapoisett Free Public Library has blossomed into a community center with something for everyone.

Yet the challenges of the future include the most basic element, serving the public. When asked what she felt the biggest challenges facing the library and a new director, Pizzolato said, "...reaching out to people in the community to those who may not be served."

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driving force in everything she has striven to accomplish. "I'm proud that the library has met the expectation of the community... people are excited about what they find here. We are so much more than just novels."

Pizzolato also expressed the importance of having a town administration that believes in the "value-added" of a strong library. "Some communities don't have that; our town leaders really see the importance of the library."

Pizzolato looks forward to having time off, time that she can use to enjoy her own reading and writing as well as attending cultural events and visiting her out-of-state family. But retirement can be bittersweet.

"Public service has given me a great source of pleasure," she sighed before gently adding, "Mattapoisett has been very good to me."

Lorenzo Selected As New Town Administrator

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

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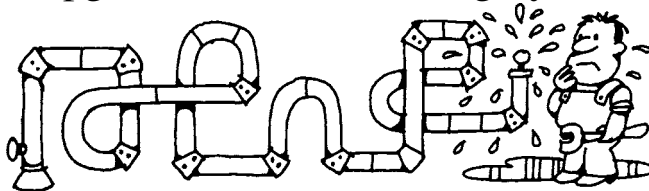
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be the finalist selected to fill the town administrator's position created by the upcoming retirement of longtime administrator Mike Gagne. Selectmen Paul Silva and Jordan Collyer agreed that Michael Lorenzo was the best choice.

Public interviews had been conducted on January 28 with three finalists selected by the search committee. Those interviews were followed by one-on-one meetings on January 31 with each selectman interviewing the remaining two candidates: Lorenzo and John Bugbee, formerly of Tisbury. James Duggan of Dracut had withdrawn.

Silva said that after days of thoughtful consideration, days that included speaking with people

in Eastham where Lorenzo currently holds the position of assistant town administrator, "...he would be the best fit for Mattapoisett."

Collyer said that during the one-on-one interviews, he had been able to "tease out" areas where strengths and weaknesses were more deeply explored. He said that while Lorenzo did not possess all the management experience necessary for the job, that could be developed over time.

What Lorenzo did possess, both selectmen agreed, was a very strong municipal finance background, something that Collyer said, "...was difficult to learn on the job."

Silva said he spoken to department heads while Collyer said he had spoken to nearly all. Collyer said all department heads had come to the same conclusion - Lorenzo.

The selectmen said it hadn't been an easy decision with both of the finalists bringing pros and cons had required serious consideration. In the end, Lorenzo's energy coupled with finance experience earned him the position.

Lorenzo lives in Harwich, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bentley College in corporate finance, and a Master in Public Administration from Suffolk University. His current position is listed as Assistant Town Administrator and Finance Director for the Town of Eastham.

Lorenzo wrote in his letter of introduction that his experiences in Eastman include municipal budgets, state public procurement regulations, organization and personnel management, as well as union negotiation and grievance processes. He said that the town administrator was, "...a natural progression and opportunity for professional growth." He also noted, "...I have vast personal knowledge of Mattapoisett as it is my hometown for most of my life. For over 30 years my family called Mattapoisett home." He wrote that his father is a business owner in town and that his brother is a former police officer in the community.

Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates, LLC the consultant firm assisting the town will notify both finalists of the decision.

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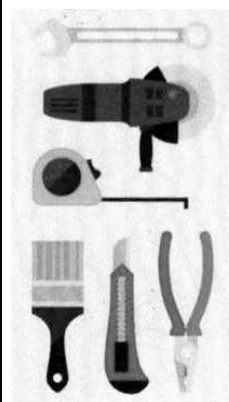
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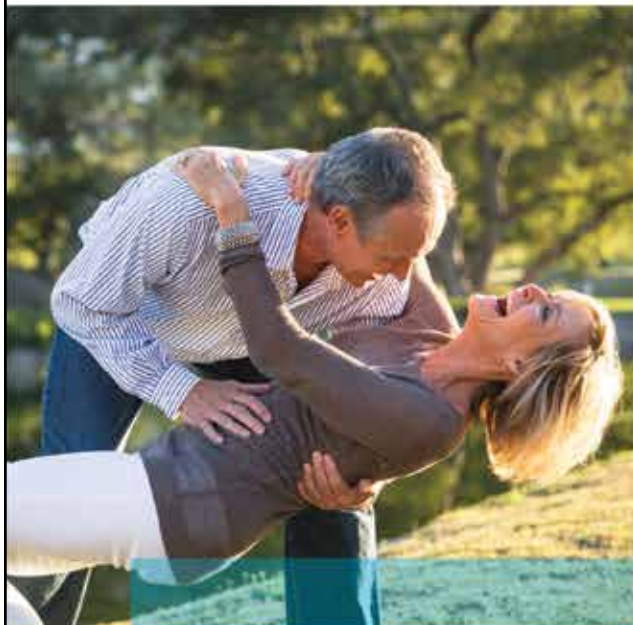
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Surveyor, and Police Chief Mary Lyons presented their report. After a series of neighborhood meetings that were geared towards listening to the concerns of residents in various neighborhoods regarding sidewalks and bike paths, the team had developed a list of 21 projects.

DeSousa said that the state's Complete Street Program requires communities to identify a list of at least 15 projects that would benefit from funding provided by the program. She said towns could receive as much as \$400,000 for their projects.

Denham said that having a Complete Street Program was a requirement at the state and federal level when applying for roadway improvement grants.

The project list includes crossing improvement on

Brandt Island Road and Mattapoisett Neck Road where the bike path intersects with heavily traveled roads, and pedestrian and bicycling paths for North Street, Crystal Spring Road, Acushnet Road, and River Road along with other rural locations.

DeSousa said that securing grants was very competitive, "We might get nothing." But Collyer said the governor's office was been talking about the need for more paths for pedestrians and bicyclist for the last several years and had increased spending in this area.

The committee received permission from the selectmen to submit the report for state review. If the state accepts the report it will be returned to the town for prioritization of projects and future local review and development, DeSousa said.

On the matter of health insurance, Gagne said that after reviewing data it was time to consider new options for the town's group insurance carrier. He said he had been working with the town's finance team reviewing health insurance groups.

One group insurance provider rose above the rest he said – Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). For other types of insurance coverage, Gagne said of MIIA, "Since 1981 the town has had a good experience with the group."

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Gagne also reported that eight bids had been received for solar developers interested in the capped landfill located at the end of Tinkham Hill Road. He said that technical studies of the site had been completed and now financial review of the bidders could take place.

Over at the transfer station, Gagne stated that he had been working with Carmelo Nicolosi of the Board of Health and the newly hired Board of Health Agent, Kayla Davis for the purchase of scales. Davis was previously employed by the Town of Bourne and hold a degree in public health.

Rounding out his comments, Gagne said that early voting for the Presidential Primary will begin at Town Hall between February 24 and 28 with ample parking in the rear vacant lot. He also noted that voter registration end on February 14.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for February 24 at 5:00 pm in the town hall conference room.

Land an Issue for Affordable Housing

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

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first need to determine what parcels of land are needed for already established projects.

Rochester Affordable Housing Inc., a 501c3, not-for-profit organization, is seeking land from the town for that purpose, but Gianni Letteri, the organization's president, and vice president Paul Wellington seem no closer to starting a project after appearing before the town's Board of Selectmen at its February 3 meeting.

Citing only four to eight units of so-called affordable housing in the town, Wellington appealed for the land to build more targeted at people over age 60 and veterans.

"We're definitely looking to increase that at this point," he said. "If you folks turn (the necessary land) over to us, we're going to own it, we're going to manage it."

Wellington said he had over 40 years of experience in real estate, and is working with Richard Cutler to establish plans based on what land can be obtained.

The snag with his proposal was two-fold in that it wasn't specific enough, and the competition for land is steep in Rochester.

"I couldn't let a piece of property go for less than fair-market value because we may have to buy other properties," said Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Brad Morse, acknowledging the proposal as a "valid concept."

Given discussion of a new fire station (see below) and a potential transfer station among other things, town land is at a premium.

"We have some needs with some of these parcels of land, and I don't know if we're at the point where we can decide... If we respond... what does the Town of Rochester have afterwards?" said Board of Selectmen chairman Paul Ciaburri, asking Letteri and Wellington if they had considered establishing a partnership with Annie Maxim House Inc., a charity for senior housing.

Rochester Selectman Greenwood "Woody" Hartley III estimated there are 50 501c3 organizations in Rochester, including sports programs and groups, that would expect the same land charity that RAHI seeks. While the responsibility would not lie with the taxpayer, he argued, it would be a dangerous precedent not to seek fair market value for a parcel of land.

Wellington asked the board if it would consider leasing the land, but the board was hesitant to entertain any transfer of property without specific plans in writing.

"If you were coming in here as a Rochester board, we would be having a different conversation," said Hartley, noting that some surrounding towns have housing authorities. Rochester does not. "We need a master plan. We have some big projects coming down the road. Plans like that change in five years because things change so fast. We support the concept, but we need it to be more developed."

Wellington said Cutler would produce a Request



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"We're trying to fill a hole that does not exist. We continue to look for any opportunities that we can," said Wellington. "We're not doing this for anyone other than town residents or vets that are in town."

In a much briefer discussion, Rochester Fire Chief Scott Weigel addressed the Board of Selectmen to initiate discussion and seek ideas regarding the need for a new fire station in town.

Hartley suggested more boards be involved in establishing a building committee.

"I'd like you to give a little summary of where we keep our equipment now," said Hartley, noting the need for specifics on the value of equipment needing protection. "People need to understand where we are right now, if you think that's a good idea."

Weigel said he would like to see a building project underway within a couple of years and agreed to send a letter to all the town's boards seeking potential committee members. Weigel also noted that Rochester is owed close to \$200,000 in ambulance fees that he is looking to collect.

It was agreed to table the subject until more information was obtained.

Rochester resident Paul Dawson addressed the Board of Selectmen and gained unanimous approval as the new Interim Town Clerk.

He will work from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday-Thursday and 4-6 pm Monday afternoons and fill the position until the next election when it's determined whether the position will be elected or appointed.

"The goal," said Dawson, "is to have a town clerk's office that is readily available or is open when the town hall is."

Dawson brings a wealth of experience to the position, having recently retired as Marion's town administrator while also having held comparable positions in Winthrop and Stoughton.

The board also issued a citation of gratitude for retiring town clerk Naida Parker.

In other news, Emmanuel Matias has been appointed a part-time police officer in Rochester. Matias, a Dartmouth High School graduate who worked as a

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deputy sheriff in Bristol County, was proposed by Chief of Police Robert Small.

Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar gave a preliminary financial report featuring progress toward the town's financial goals.

Also at the meeting, Hartley noted that the Old Rochester school district search committee sent three names to the school committee for consideration for superintendent. The committee accepted those and will conduct interviews and make selections. The process is expected to be completed by March 1.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectman is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18.

Inclusionary Housing Discussion

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Andrea Ray

Members of Marion's Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Affordable Housing Trust all met on Thursday, January 30, to discuss the future of the town's affordable housing strategy.

Resident Sherman Briggs had previously raised a concern with the Planning Board, noting that the town would be missing out on valuable income if the town continues to enforce the bylaw after reaching the 10-percent affordable-housing requirement mandated by the state.

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for Wareham Road would push Marion beyond the 10-percent affordable-housing requirement when and if it is completed. However, affordable housing generally has a limited date; it becomes “regular” housing after a set number of years (generally 15 to 20), which could trigger Marion to fall back below the minimum affordable-housing requirement in the future.

Marion’s current affordable housing bylaw requires that any development of six or more units must ensure that 10 percent of the units are affordable — or developers will pay a fine of \$200,000. While the bylaw is on the books, it was pointed out at the meeting that the bylaw has ended up being highly ineffectual and has never actually been enforced.

“The financial requirements are punitive,” noted Selectman John Waterman, “and they aren’t in proportion with a developer’s potential profits. There’s no regard to the risk a developer takes on to sell a project and make a profit. A developer would need to sink any initial profit he or she made into that penalty if they chose that route.”

Waterman suggested a short-term fix, what he called a “stopgap” that would allow town officials more time to deliberate a thoughtful and effective long-term plan. He proposed lowering the affordable housing requirements for a development of six or more units to five percent affordable housing, or requiring a \$75,000 in lieu of the affordable housing.

“Those are more affordable to developers, and

they’re more likely to comply with them,” he explained. In the meantime, he added that the town should form a task force to investigate, develop and recommend a new inclusionary zoning bylaw — one that he said will actually result in some new affordable housing being built every year or two.

Representatives of the Affordable Housing Trust agreed with this plan, noting that the idea of a task force was appealing. They did point out, however, that they would prefer to wait on amending the bylaw until the 10-percent requirement has actually been met.

Planning Board member Eileen Marum said that she had done research on cases where the state had been asked to extend the leases on affordable housing — in effect, keeping the classes as “affordable” for a longer period of time.

“I think it’s certainly something to think about here,” she added.

The selectmen and members of the Planning Board agreed to continue discussing ideas into the future, including at the next meetings of both boards.

Facelift for Affordable Housing Law

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Andrea Ray

Marion’s affordable housing bylaw will be getting a facelift, announced members of the Marion Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, February 4. That is at least, if the voters agree to it.

“We discussed the affordable housing bylaw last Thursday,” said Marion Town Planner Jay McGrail, “and after further discussion, we’ve decided to move forward with amending the bylaw to more reasonable numbers that might be easier on developers.”

The current bylaw, as it stands, requires that 10 percent of a development of six or more units in Marion be classed as affordable housing. Otherwise, the developer can choose to pay \$200,000 to the town to avoid the requirement.

At a meeting regarding inclusionary housing in Marion, Selectman John Waterman had pointed out that the bylaw had not been enforced, as the numbers were

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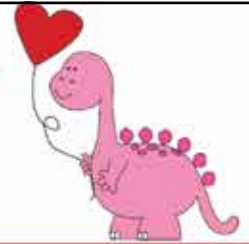
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extremely prohibitive to developers.

The bylaw change, which will need to be ratified by voters at Town Meeting, would amend the bylaw to require that only 5 percent of a development featuring six or more units be classified as affordable. Otherwise, the developer can choose to pay a \$75,000 fee instead of including the affordable units. Waterman said he thought this was a much more reasonable number for developers to handle.

Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney brought the town's annual budget for the 2021 fiscal year to the selectmen's attention. "The town's budget requirements have only risen by 3.15 percent," she said, "which is one of the smallest rises in years, and I'm quite happy with

that."

Amongst the town departments featuring an increased budget is the Assessor's Office (upgraded software) and the Police Department (new vehicle). Mooney also pointed out that the Town Clerk budget will look higher than it did in the previous year. Current Town Clerk Elizabeth Magauran was appointed in September of 2019, and therefore last year's budget only included a half-year of expenses. This year, the entire year will be accounted for.

Marion Fire Chief Brian Jackvony is requesting an additional full-time firefighter, Mooney reported, which accounts for an increase to the Fire Department budget. "He's really looking for an additional person to cover those weekday incidents, where they have the most calls," she reported.

"I'm a little concerned about this one because, when we hire a new full-time person, the real cost is benefits," Waterman said.

"I can't really speak to that. Chief Jackvony will have his reasons I'm sure, and we'll let him speak to them," said McGrail. Jackvony will be meeting with the Selectmen in the future to address any concerns, as had been previously planned.

Marion resident Dr. Edward Hoffer, a member of the Friends of the Marion Council on Aging, presented the findings of a recent survey of Marion residents over 55.

"We were granted funds by AARP recently to fund this study," he explained, noting that the grants were awarded because Marion was recognized by AARP as an "age-friendly community."

"In 2018, 36 percent of Marion's population was over 60. By 2030, over 40 percent of residents will be over 60. The question is: Are we ready?"

The survey was sent to 2,200 Marion residents over the age of 55, and 564 of the surveys were returned. Based on the survey, Hoffer said, the biggest problems for older residents in Marion were infrastructure (sidewalks in poor condition, danger crossing Route 6, and availability of public bathrooms) as well as housing.

Ninety percent of people who responded stated that housing was the biggest problem for older residents in town. Fifty-six percent of residents wanted more availability of smaller homes, 52 percent sought more



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assisted living, 42 percent were interested in an over-55 complex, 34 percent were seeking rental apartments. Many answers indicated more than one choice.

"A lot of these issues are things we're tackling, things that are in the pipeline," said Waterman. "The thing is that they take money, and a lot of it. So we're trying to prioritize as best we can to not put extra burden on the taxpayers. And Route 6 in particular is tricky because we've gone to the state time and time again to fix it, and they aren't as concerned as we are. So we're going to keep going to them, but if you want to write to your local representatives with your concerns, that definitely helps as well."

Home Rule Petition Submitted As 2021 Budgets Begin

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

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Matthew Thomas, presented Home Rule Petition 4244 at the Massachusetts State House. If passed, the petition would grant Mattapoisett the legal right to assess solar developments with fees known as P.I.L.O.T. programs, aka, payment in lieu of taxes.

While the town currently has several P.I.L.O.T. programs successfully executed with Blue Wave Solar, Costello has held that a loophole in solar legislation, meant to ease the tax burden of residential taxpayers who install solar energy systems in their homes, could be used by businesses. Costello believes if that were to happen, the town could find land being developed for commercial solar enterprises without the ability to assess new taxes, thereby hindering revenue growth.

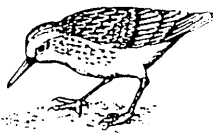


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Representative William Straus presented the petition, which was then defended by Costello and Thomas. The petition, Costello said, will now go to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for debate.

According to Costello, Mattapoisett is the first municipality in the Commonwealth to attempt such tax-levying protection.

"If this passes it will go a long way in protecting the town against frivolous lawsuits solar developers could file. We've been lucky so far," she stated in working with Blue Wave Solar. "But Mattapoisett is like a field-of-dreams for solar developers."

Costello said that Mattapoisett had a great deal of undeveloped property unsuitable for subdivision development. However, when it comes to solar, those same parcels might be permitted for commercial, alternative-energy development. The town does not currently have a solar bylaw.

Costello expressed concern that any number of solar developers could seek permits in Mattapoisett while trying to circumvent paying any taxes at all. With a Home Rule Petition securely in place, "The town will be able to budget," using new revenue sources, "...for capital improvement projects and other financial decisions," she said.

And budget time is indeed here with the Finance Committee convening on January 29 to begin crafting the 2021 budgets.

Town Administrator Mike Gagne said that he had been in discussions with Old Rochester Regional School District Superintendent Doug White regarding medical insurance costs. Gagne shared that ORR was able to reduce medical-insurance expenses for 2021 by four percent. Another savings the town will receive is the expense of the high school resource officer. Historically that expense had been solely funded by Mattapoisett. Now that expense would be shared across the towns.

Gagne said there were plans to include a Capital Debt Stabilization Fund noting, "...all tri-town administrators agreed on this." He said that planning for capital expenses at the schools meant that projects wouldn't have to be totally funded by debt exclusion.

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FinCom Chairman Pat Donoghue asked about enrollment. Gagne responded that overall ORR enrollment was declining with five fewer students from Mattapoisett, 20 fewer from Rochester and 12 fewer from Marion. These figures were contrasted against expected increases at Old Colony with three students from Mattapoisett and two from Rochester. An additional five Rochester students are scheduled to attend Bristol County Agricultural School.

The proposed 2021 ORR budget currently stands at \$19,612,589, a 2.09-percent increase over 2020.

The committee met with Highway Superintendent Barry Denham, who said he would be presenting a levelly funded budget with a 2.5-percent increase but was awaiting salary figures from the treasurer's office.

Denham discussed the condition of both private and public roads, saying that 26.7 miles were in good condition, 10.7 miles in fair condition, and 9.64 miles in poor condition. Of those falling into the poor category, 3.6 were dirt roads.

Regarding the bike path, Denham said that currently, his department spends approximately 108 hours maintaining the asphalt pathways. He said when Phase 1b is completed that figure will rise and that the wooden bridge will require repair and maintenance as well.

Donoghue asked if the Highway Department had begun drainage-improvement projects, which had been



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Denham said that currently, the town had one mile of ADA compliant sidewalks and that 20 catch basins out of 700 met new EPA regulations. "The four main outfalls go right into the harbor untreated," he said, adding that drainage overall hadn't been worked on since 1979.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Planning Board Continues "Inclusionary" Discussions

Marion Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On February 3, Marion's Planning Board dedicated the majority of the meeting to continue a discussion that began on January 30, when an assembly of boards and town departments gathered to discuss the future of affordable housing in the community.

The January 30 meeting opened the door to creative ideas meant to find ways in which the town could comply with the state's mandate of 10-percent affordable housing units on subdivisions and other housing plans. Currently, the town's data shows about seven percent of housing falls into the affordable category. During that meeting, the Board of Selectmen, along with members of the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Assessors, and the Affordable Housing Trust, debated bylaw changes that might assist in bringing new solutions to an old problem – how to meet the 10-percent mark.

The Planning Board agreed that the January 30 meeting was a good stepping-off point, but that they could not craft permanent zoning modifications without more study and expert assistance.

Member Eileen Marum suggested retaining an economic development consultant, "...to help new policies and ensure they are sound." She said that Marion would be taking the lead with an inclusionary bylaw.

Joining the discussion via telephone was member



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Chris Collings, who voiced concerns that the Building Department might end up having to police developments. "When we reach the (10-percent) threshold we need to confirm by counting doors," he said. "We can't presume permits will get us over the 10-percent goal." Collings said that zoning changes would change the landscape.

Rising to speak was Selectman John Waterman who said, "Current zoning isn't viable for developers." He said as things stand today the numbers don't work for developers and in fact, "...are punitive."

Current zoning regulations mandate that a subdivision development must have at least six units of affordable housing or the developer must pay \$200,000 per unit to the Affordable Housing Trust. "We want a bylaw that will work for the developer, too," Waterman said.

Collings commented that he'd rather see the town reach the 10-percent mark before passing any new bylaws. "Let's reach the goals before we change the rules."

Waterman countered, "But it hasn't worked."

Chairman Will Saltonstall said that current bylaws, "...don't incentivize affordable housing."

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Saltonstall said that member Norman Hills had applied for a grant to secure technical guidance from Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

The Planning Board agreed that at least a year of study was needed before comprehensive zoning bylaw changes that aided affordable housing could be drafted. In the meantime, they hope to have a "stopgap" in the form of modifications to the current inclusionary zoning bylaw presented at the spring town meeting. The stopgap proposal by Waterman aired at the January 30 meeting included lowering the fee paid by developers from \$200,000 per unit to \$70,000 per unit, along with



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a decrease in the number of affordable units from 10-percent to 5-percent.

In other business, the members voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the Historical Commission as they launch a project to document all historical structures in the community. Saltonstall said such a project was in line with the town's Master Plan.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for February 18 at 5:00 pm in the Town House conference room.

Variances Should Be Granted 'Sparingly'

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman David Arancio on January 30 presented his fellow ZBA members with a summary from a recent conversation he had with Town Counsel Blair Bailey about granting variances.

The point, Arancio said, was to clarify exactly what a variance is "and how we really need to look at a variance going forward and what our obligations under the law are with that."

Right away, ZBA member Don Spirlet said he did not agree with all the points that Bailey offered.

Reading from the memorandum, "It is important to note... variances should be sparingly granted," said Spirlet.

"Correct," said ZBA member Richard Cutler.

"So, we should be denying most variances?" said Spirlet. "Is that what we're saying?"

Providing his interpretation, Arancio said: "I think that the applicant needs to do their due diligence to make sure that the three criteria [for a variance] are well explained... It has to be laid out very well. We shouldn't be pulling it out of the applicant to get us to the finish line."

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This discussion continued: "We don't necessarily have to grant a variance, and we sometimes shouldn't," said Cutler. "Just because (the applicants) feel like they have a problem doesn't mean that we always have to relieve it."

"But if the applicant satisfies all the criteria," said ZBA member Kirby Gilmore, "whether or not we grant a variance shouldn't be [based on] whether we are granting too many or not granting enough. It depends on the conversation we have amongst ourselves once we close the public portion of the hearing."

Arancio said the information was simply a result of the conversation he had with Bailey, and that the purpose of the board's discussion that night was to ensure a full understanding of the nature of variances, as well as how the courts look at variances and the factors involved when a variance is appealed.

"[We are] making sure that we are well informed and educated," said Arancio. "It's more or less of a refresher – everybody on the same page – everybody knows it so we're not guessing or looking at it that way."

"I just don't agree that we should be granting the variances sparingly," Spirlet said. "If we're looking at ten variances and they're all well-documented and they satisfy the three criteria, why shouldn't we grant them?"

Cutler felt that Spirlet appeared to be "oversimplifying" things.

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"There may be other things that the applicant could do," said Cutler, "or there may be some of the neighbors who don't particularly care for it."

When it comes to abutters, Spirlet said, "To me, the public – and especially abutters – get two bites out of the apple." (They may voice their concerns at the public meeting or appeal the variance after it is granted.) "If they don't do either one of those, why would we... assume that just so we can just deny it?"

Arancio suggested inviting Bailey to the next ZBA meeting to address the board members' lingering concerns and questions.

"I wanted to make sure that we were 100 percent on the same page," said Arancio.

Cutler pointed to the original intent of the zoning bylaws and also mentioned how, in Rochester, the lots tend to be on the larger side so it is "easy enough to grant more variances."

That being said, Cutler commented, "What's the intent of the bylaw, and the bylaw is to try to keep things spread out."

Gilmore said he welcomes further clarification from Bailey, whose job, Gilmore said, is "to guide us in the right direction."

Arancio said he simply wished to foster clear and open communication amongst the board.

Meanwhile, the representative present on behalf of applicant Jonathan Crowell, 694 Snipatuit Road, witnessed the discussion just before presenting the board with an application for a variance to install an interconnected, ground-mounted solar array system less than 40 feet from the rear property line.

The board ultimately denied the variance in a 4-1 vote (Spirlet voted in favor) because three of the panels could potentially be relocated to remain within the 40-foot required setback, which could still provide Crowell with the energy input he needs to power his single-family residence.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for February 13 at 7:15 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

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Skeletal District Approved, Liabilities Considered

Marion Carver Wareham Regional Refuse District
By Andrea Ray

While representatives from Carver, Wareham, and Marion agreed to a "skeletal district" at a recent meeting, it will still be several more months before an agreement between the three towns can be finalized.

Representatives of the three towns approved "in principle" an agreement drawn up by the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District attorney Tom Crotty at the January 29 meeting. The agreement will leave a "skeleton" district, only operating to manage ongoing pensions and liabilities. Representatives from the member towns are planning to bring the agreement to each town's Town Meeting, seeking the approval of town voters.

There are still some points to work out before the agreement is formally finalized, however. One part of the draft that Crotty presented proposed returning to each town what it had paid into the district over the previous year. In 2019, Wareham paid \$188,000 into the district, Wareham paid \$121,000, and Marion paid \$53,000.

The idea of paying back contributions caused some concern, however, as the district's full and ongoing liabilities are not yet entirely clear. Carver Town Administrator Mike Milanoski pitched the idea of holding on to a minimum reserve of funds, as did Marion

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Selectman John Waterman.

"Let's say, for example, not less than \$250,000, to plan for future liabilities," Waterman suggested.

There was general agreement to this idea from all representatives. "Okay," Crotty said. "Let's just hold onto the cash, let it dwindle down to cover our expenses, and in another thirty years someone can take another look."

The topic turned to what to do with the distributions in 30 years - how should they be distributed once all expenses and liabilities are paid out in the future?

"I'm not sure why we're spending time debating this," Waterman pointed out. "I doubt that at that point there will even be very much left."

"Well, the potential is there that there could be

money to return," Crotty countered.

"We're fine with that (scenario), as long as all of the liabilities have been covered," said Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail.

With that, the members of the district approved the agreement documents in principle, with a finalized signing at a meeting on February 12, at the Marion Town House. Attorney Crotty noted that he would bring an updated copy of the agreement to the meeting for official approval and sign-offs from all town representatives on the district.

MBTA-related Project Ticketed

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

A site visit on Monday, February 3, to a construction project at the edge of designated wetlands resulted in the domination of new business at the meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission on Tuesday, February 4, at Town Hall.

Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon presented the commission with a report on her findings a day after visiting the site, a wooded area at 45 Kings Highway, from which it was determined that Jacobs Engineering acted in violation of the Mass Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40).

The construction firm contracted by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) was ruled to have overextended its rights and failed to consult with or seek approval from the Conservation Commission before clearing areas in a buffer zone up against wetlands.

"What I found was earth working grading up to area of wetlands," explained Farinon, who had spoken to Chairman Michael Conway and gained permission to bring it up in Tuesday's meeting as new business. "This came up (Monday) ... it's timely and it needed to be addressed."

Farinon could have signed an enforcement order that Conway would present at the commission's next meeting on February 18, but the matter was considered too urgent to delay so it now has the entire commission's

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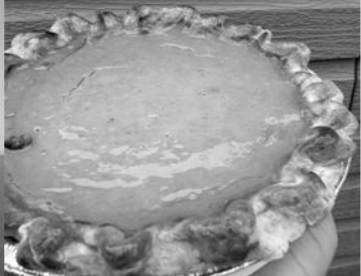
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signatures. Farinon took photographs at the site and presented them to members of the commission at Tuesday night's meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon, Farinon met with two representatives of the MBTA, Kyle Purdy, senior scientist, and Peter Cruz, project manager, who represented Jacobs Engineering at the Commission meeting. Cruz described the area as Jacobs Engineering found it.

The commission ordered an immediate cease-and-desist to the permitted contractor and all others from any activity affecting the 100-foot buffer zone and/or resource areas.

At the site on Monday afternoon, Farinon had issued a verbal cease-and-desist, shutting down the project so the contractor was not allowed to remove its equipment from the site. This was deleted from the written order. It was Farinon's understanding that the cease-and-desist was being followed.

The order presented at Tuesday night's meeting included the stipulation that all resource areas shall be returned to their original condition, and a restoration plan shall be filed on or before February 28, 2020 that shows restoration of the 25-foot, no-disturb zone. In addition to further stipulations, no further work shall be allowed without a public hearing.

Vice Chairman Daniel Gagne itemized requirements for Jacobs Engineering as a starting point to repair the situation.

Addressing the commission along with Purdy and Cruz, Farinon expressed her disappointment at the situation, noting the effort that the commission makes to work with projects. She added that Jacobs' representatives were apologetic.

"We should have provided a courtesy notification of the additional work that was occurring in addition to the RDA from July," said Purdy.

"But that's not a courtesy," countered Farinon.

Gagne added, "It's not a, 'Oops, we forgot to notify you,' you forgot to file an application with us for us to review and see if you had permission to do this."

Purdy answered, "Yes, correct," in agreement of the mistake. Purdy indicated that before organizing a

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revised plan, Jacobs Engineering will need to consult with the MBTA.

Farinon acknowledged that the MBTA may have zoning rights not shared by others, but the MBTA is still subject to wetlands laws.

Acknowledging Jacobs Engineering's needs for space to accommodate the MBTA's construction equipment, Farinon told Purdy and Cruz, "It's going to be really important for you to deal with both of those issues."

The commission passed a motion to issue the enforcement order as amended along with the aforementioned stipulations of immediate acts to repair unauthorized activities, and Jacobs Engineering will be subject to ticketing at least until the next meeting of the commission on Feb 18.

"What we did tonight, do an enforcement order with some ticketing, is the most we could do," said Farinon after the meeting's adjournment.

In other matters, the commission decided against a Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal Request in regards to Morse Brothers Inc. project at Gerrish Road.

Continuances to the February 18 meeting for public hearings were granted for Pedro Rodriguez of Solar MA Project Management and to Steen Realty & Development Corporation.

Tobacco Permits Capped at Five

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Board of Health imposed a cap on the number of tobacco sales licenses at five during its meeting on Tuesday, February 4, at Town Hall.

"What we're trying to do is decrease the number of cigarette sales, and... to discourage children from smoking," said Marion Health Director Karen A. Walega shortly after the meeting had adjourned.

Permits were previously capped at six. Existing permits will also expire under a "soft cap", meaning, if someone acquires a business that holds an existing permit, the new owner will have 60 days to apply for that permit. Another option would have been for the board to impose a hard cap on the number of existing licenses.

Mark Riley, owner of Top of the Hill Liquors on Route 6 in Marion and a town resident, considered it in his best interests to appear before the Board to discuss the matter with members and offer an experienced shop owner's perspective. He said during the meeting that he had also addressed a public meeting in New Bedford and thinks all communities would be best served if the State of Massachusetts had a statewide law.

"We don't want to see young people smoking," said Riley, who fully expects pushback from his distributors. "Marion was one of the first places that went to (age) 21, and it was easy... I wish the state would make it easy... No one under 21 should be allowed to walk into your liquor store."

There is no law prohibiting minors from entering a liquor store, but they are not allowed to purchase alcohol or tobacco in Massachusetts.

Before the measure was passed, discussion ensued regarding existing permits and if they could be passed when a store selling tobacco relocates within Marion or if a tobacco sales permit remains valid when a business is sold. Riley expressed appreciation for Marion's stance on deferring to the state where it concerns tobacco.

"It's upsetting to me if any of the towns that do make any regulation give me an unfair advantage over the town next door. To me, that's something that needed to be settled on a state basis," he said.

In other news, public hearings were held and variances granted to two homeowners, both on Point Road. Board of Health member Dot Brown led a detailed discussion in both cases, and Walega, Chairperson John B. Howard and Vice Chairman Edward P. Hoffer, MD all participated.

Brian Grady of GAF Engineering appeared on behalf of Pauline Field, who is preparing her home at 459 Point Road for sale and sought a variance on procedure.

"We couldn't perform a [percolation] test because the water table was too high. So we took a soil sample to the lab for analysis," said Grady.

In a second case, David Davignon, the owner of a home at 310 Point Road, argued that the leaching field on



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"No matter what happens during the day, it'll only kick out 83 gallons," he said.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, at 3:00 pm.

Superintendent Search Yields Three Finalists

Old Rochester Regional School Committee/Superintendency Union #55

By Jean Perry

There were 24 applicants for the position of superintendent of Old Rochester, and after the ad hoc search committee reviewed them all, three finalists were selected and presented to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee and Superintendency Union #55 during a special joint meeting on January 29.

The three finalists are: Old Rochester's own Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Student Services Michael Nelson; current Westport Superintendent Gary Reese; and current Dartmouth Assistant Superintendent Michelle Roy.

Search Committee Chairman Rose Bowman, principal for the Mattapoisett elementary schools, made the announcement and gave a brief overview of the finalists' qualifications and experience.

Nelson started at Old Rochester as director of student services in July 2014. His position was expanded

to include assistant superintendent in October 2019 after former Assistant Superintendent Elise Frangos retired at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Nelson holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Bridgewater State University, and is currently working toward his doctorate from Northeastern University.

Reese has been Westport's superintendent since July 2018, and previously served as the superintendent for Amesbury Public Schools from August 2015 to June 2018.

Reese holds a master's degree in special education from Fitchburg State University.

Roy has been the assistant superintendent of Dartmouth Public Schools since 2014, and previously

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served as the K-12 director of data and accountability for Attleboro Public Schools.

Roy received her Ph.D. from Lesley University, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in School Administration from Bridgewater State University.

"All [three finalists] are excited to start the next phase of the process," said Bowman.

The school committees' hiring and search consultant, James Hardy from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), said the next step in the process was to have scheduled site visits to each of the candidates' current school districts for the week of February 3-7, during which any and all members of the four Old Rochester school committees may attend.

"It helps you get a little bit more in-depth perspective of the candidates," said Hardy.

The three finalists will then be welcomed to the Old Rochester schools on three separate days during the week of February 10-14 to tour the six Old Rochester schools and acquaint themselves with the school districts.

After the February school break, the joint school committees will meet to interview the three finalists; a final vote will come on March 5.

The public interviews will be held on the same day and will be open to the public; questions from the public, however, will not be allowed.

School Committee members were asked to prepare a list of the questions they wish to ask the three finalists ahead of the interviews so that they can be combined with various questions from the public that resulted from a public survey and provided to the finalists for the interview.

The joint School Committees will meet to hold the three interviews on Saturday, February 29, beginning at 9:30 am, and two hours will be reserved for each interview.

The next joint meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee and Superintendency Union #55 is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 pm in the junior high school media room, during which time the members will vote for the next superintendent.

Jason Keys New Identity at Old Colony

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Bringing up Jake Jason anymore isn't fair to the 2019-20 Old Colony boys basketball team, but it's hard to ignore that, for the first time in four years, the Cougars have had to compete without the best player in the program's history.

Although, the Cougars have done their best to create a new identity while sticking to the same principles that have made them a successful program under Coach Matt Trahan. This helped Old Colony qualify for the postseason fairly early in the regular season.

The Cougars' consistent approach has also made it easy for Hunter Soares and JoJo Cortes to assume their roles as the team's new leadership.

"(Soares) worked so hard in the offseason. He played AAU ball and really ramped up his game," Trahan said. "He's similar to Jake where he's more of a multiple-threat (scorer) where he can take just about anybody off the offensive dribble. Get to the basket or step-back and drop a shot. Within the offensive system that we're running, he's getting touches, but he's also finishing the job. He's come a long way and been really, really effective for us.

"(Cortes) knows he can distribute. He can score, he's leading the break. There's a multitude of things to his game. He's been in the system for the last four years and I

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feel like, this being a different year than last, there are a lot of pieces around him.

"It's not like he has to take on the burden of running the offense. He can play the two (guard) if we need him, because you got Jarrett Taylor who can play the point and execute as well."

With Cortes and Soares in charge and the team ready to show it still has plenty of talent, the Cougars have maintained the same approach since Day 1, which is why they have continued to develop throughout the season.

"They came in and were ready to go. It wasn't one of those things where we had to mature and learn," Trahan said. "It was more of like, 'Hey, let's go.' You've got seniors that are ready to produce – can't say enough about Craig Pratt and Cooper Howell, the other guys on the floor. Those guys motor each and every day.

"We've played in some really tight games, and to their credit, collectively, the kids don't waver. The kids have played well in tight games."

However, for all the good the Cougars have done, there is still room to grow. Because their ultimate goal remains the same as it does every year: win in the postseason.

"In my opinion, our defense, specifically, can always be better. That has to be consistent on a night-to-night basis," Trahan said. "For us, it's really based on the scouting report and what we see in the way we're



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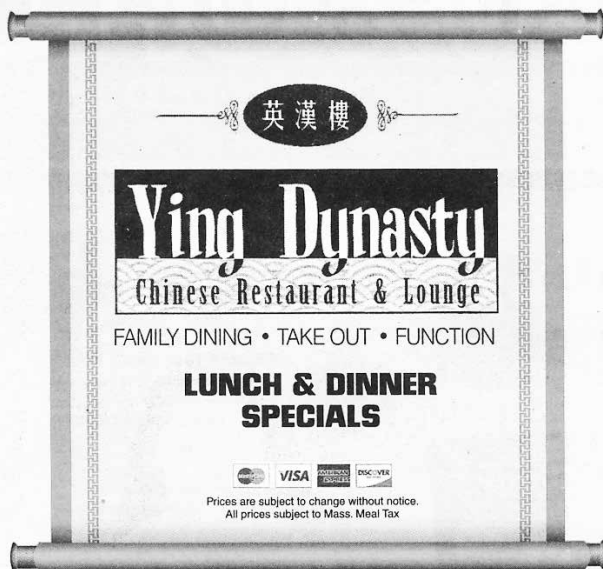
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matching up... There are games where I may sit in one defense because it's working. There are other games where you've got to move other pieces around. The kids definitely — they like that, I think, playing multiple defenses.

"We have to be consistent and keep getting better at what we do. It's one of those things where you hit midseason, late in the season, I'm not a guy who wants to settle for, 'Hey, we're good.' Our goal is to be great. At the end of the day, we want to make sure we're climbing that ladder."

With its 51-41 win over Diman Voke, the Old Colony girls basketball team is set to return to postseason play after missing the MIAA tournament in 2018-19. **Hailey Hathaway** led the Cougars with 17 points. **Isabel Souza** also finished in double figures (12 points), and **Kat Kirby** chipped in eight points.

Old Rochester

Old Rochester girls basketball took a break from its South Coast Conference domination to play Dartmouth on Sunday. Both teams entered the game 11-2, but only the Bulldogs walked away with an improved record as they knocked off Dartmouth, 57-46. **Logan Fernandes** led the Bulldogs with 18 points. **Cadence Johnson** (15 points) and **Mary Butler** (12) each finished in double figures, as well.

Academic Achievements

The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Sophie Polonsky of Marion majoring in Media Arts Production, and a member of the class of 2021.

Isabella Rodrigues of Mattapoisett majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing, and a member of the class of 2022.

Samantha Babineau of Rochester majoring in Communication Disorders, and a member of the class of 2020.

College of Charleston congratulates more than 1,800 students who were named to the fall 2019 President's List and Dean's List:

Finnian Cashel, of Marion, majoring in Marine Biology.

Hannah Perry, of Marion, majoring in Business Administration and Hospitality/Tourism Management.

Julia Jeffries, of Marion, Undecided.

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Max Gryska, of Marion majoring in Economics.

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Mattapoisett resident **James Goulart**, majoring in Chemistry.

Mattapoisett resident **Evan Roznoy**, majoring in

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10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Schwitz'n with Norm
11:35 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Keep Talking
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
3:00 PM Arts Alive
3:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Mr. Scammer - Are You Safe From Scammers?
5:30 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:30 PM Fox Robbins Seed Corp Small Business
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10:00 PM Fox Robbins Seed Corp Small Business
Financing (Part 2)
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 11, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Schwitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Mind Your Business
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Sound Off
3:30 PM Money Matters TV
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Racism in America
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Books and the World
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:00 PM Gay USA

10:00 PM Legal Ease

10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 12, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Schwitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM This is America & The World
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The World Fusion Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Mr. Scammer - Are You Safe From Scammers
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Arts Alive
5:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chundria Show
7:00 PM Building the Future
7:30 PM Sound Off
8:30 PM The Kamilia Show
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM ORR Special Joint School Committee - January 29, 2020
7:37 AM Marion Conservation Commission - January 22, 2020
8:30 AM ORR District School Committee - January 22, 2020
10:37 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - January 16, 2020
12:01 PM Marion Board of Selectman - January 21, 2020
1:30 PM Marion Planning Board - January 21, 2020
2:40 PM Marion Finance Committee - January 15, 2020
3:30 PM ORR Special Joint School Committee - January 29, 2020
4:07 PM Marion Conservation Commission - January 22, 2020
5:00 PM ORR District School Committee - January 22, 2020
7:07 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - January 16, 2020
8:31 PM Marion Board of Selectman - January 21, 2020
10:00 PM Marion Planning Board - January 21, 2020
11:10 PM Marion Finance Committee - January 15, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM ORR Special Joint School Committee - January 29, 2020
7:37 AM Rochester Planning Board - January 14, 2020
9:42 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 30, 2020
10:30 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - January 21, 2020
11:03 AM ORR District School Committee - January 22, 2020
1:10 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 28, 2020
4:00 PM ORR Special Joint School Committee - January 29, 2020
4:37 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 14, 2020
6:42 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - January 30, 2020
7:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - January 21, 2020
8:03 PM ORR District School Committee - January 22, 2020
10:10 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 28, 2020

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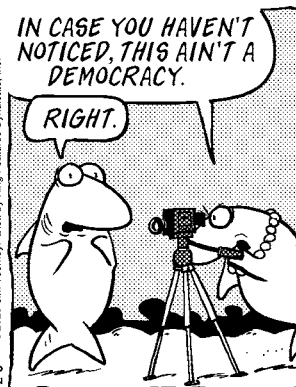
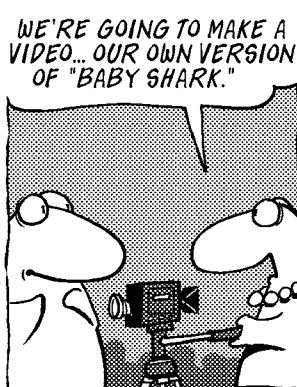
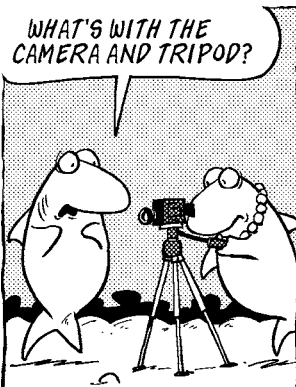
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Boys Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth - January 21, 2020
9:00 AM OC Girls Basketball vs South Shore VT - January 15, 2020
10:13 AM SRPEDD Route 6 Discussion in Marion - January 6, 2020
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Sippican All-School Meeting - January 16, 2020
1:00 PM ORR Girls Hockey vs Bishop Stang - January 6, 2020
2:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs Pope John Paul II - January 6, 2020
3:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet - January 11, 2020
4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth - January 21, 2020
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Wareham - January 14, 2020
7:41 PM OC Girls Basketball vs Sacred Heart - January 8, 2020
9:00 PM OC Girls Basketball vs South Shore VT - January 15, 2020
10:13 PM SRPEDD Route 6 Discussion in Marion - January 6, 2020

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Jake Mourao of Mattapoisett, a Freshman at the University of South Carolina was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required for this honor.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 6,000 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2019 Dean's List. To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The list includes students who have not yet declared their majors as well as those from all of the University's undergraduate academic colleges.

The following students from your area have been named to URI's fall 2019 Dean's List:

Jarett Johnston of Rochester

Maddy Kistler of Marion

Tyler Menard of Mattapoisett

Ally Sylvia of Rochester

Named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the fall 2019 semester was **Elsie A. Buckley**, a first-year student psychology and elementary education major from Rochester and a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School.

Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical



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MOVIE REVIEW

Shine On

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Doctor Sleep. Starring Ewan McGregor and Rebecca Ferguson. Directed by Mike Flanagan. Running time: 152 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now available on physical and streaming home media.

Few, I imagine, will be surprised by the news that *Doctor Sleep* — based on Stephen King's novel, a sequel to his *The Shining* — packs a heftier emotional punch than does Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*. That doesn't mean *Doctor Sleep* is the better movie; very few films can touch Kubrick's *The Shining*. It does mean that the new film's source material grapples with very human concerns — enduring childhood trauma, addiction, predators, the cycle of abuse, the fear of death. (Kubrick's *The Shining* was imperiously disinterested in King's own themes, chiefly alcoholic demons literalized as vicious spirits; like most Kubrick films, it had a broader target in mind, the hubris of mankind's delusion of control.)

Still, *Doctor Sleep* is less a horror movie than a supernatural drama — only intermittently frightening, but engaging and saddening. It feels like the deep dull pain of a slowly forming bruise. The story's protagonist, Danny Torrance (Ewan McGregor), still has the telepathic gifts he had as a boy in *The Shining*; in his forties now, he is a recovering alcoholic, having turned to drink to blunt his visions (as his father Jack also may have). King's narrative has three prongs. The second deals with an itinerant band of psychic vampires called the True Knot, who feed off the "steam" exuded by dying people who, like Danny, have "the shine." The third follows a teenage girl, Abra (Kayliegh Curran), who may have more intense powers even than Danny, and whose steam is coveted hungrily by the on-their-uppers Knot monsters, headed by a demon known as Rose the Hat (Rebecca Ferguson). Abra contacts Danny for help, and we're off.

I haven't seen them all, but *Doctor Sleep* may be the most morose Stephen King adaptation since *The Dead Zone*. That's not a criticism; the film's writer-director Mike Flanagan pauses from time to time to take the full measure of death and pain. A ghastly sequence has to do with the Knot's sacrifice of a little boy; Flanagan stages it as an atrocity that we need to see to understand the stakes, not as a gory tickle for Saturday-night horror fans. It's not especially graphic, but we feel the boy's pain and terror. This, I have to say, is not an effect Kubrick attempted (or was interested in). And a horror director



with a healthy respect for human frailty and a cold revulsion for dealers of pain is not to be sneezed at. I have questions about a morally cowardly choice Danny makes near the beginning, in his pre-sober days, which after one ghostly visit is never referenced again; perhaps Flanagan's longer cut, reportedly clocking in at three hours, acknowledges it more deeply. Otherwise, what Flanagan does here is decent in the ethical sense, and a fine tribute to both King's and Kubrick's *The Shining*. (King's *Doctor Sleep*, on the other hand, I remember enjoying, but have forgotten most of its specifics. It cuts more mustard as a redemption narrative for an alcoholic; King wrote the sequel after many years sober, while he penned *The Shining* as very much an active alcoholic.)

I'll be curious to see that longer cut; I appreciated Flanagan's *Doctor Sleep* for its solidity, its commitment to the raw emotions of the situation. McGregor more or less can't help conveying virtue even when his character wallows in the dregs — whether the worst toilet in Scotland or George Lucas dialogue — and he gives us a Danny who squares with the Danny we know from the *Shining* book and movie, fearful but taking peril full in the face anyway. The real hero, though, is Abra, whom Curran imbues with a certain equipoise that comes from serious abilities. In contrast, we're catching Rose the Hat and her pack at a low ebb, from a shortage of "steam," and Ferguson shows us hints of the lioness Rose once was and how her desperation and weakness have made her, if anything, more dangerous than ever. In part, *Doctor Sleep* is a meditation on power and those enhanced or burned out by it. I respect it and feel warmly towards it. Like *The Shawshank Redemption*, it's somber and oblivious to hot-shot cleverness, and it deserves a home cult like *Shawshank's*.

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Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so



that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features **36 Cottage Street**. The dwelling at 36 Cottage Street was built for painter Russell G. Grey.

The son of Captain Russell Grey, he grew up in the home at 12 South Street. The Greys resided at 36 Cottage Street until 1920. Interestingly, a photograph of this house was included along with images of more substantial Shingle-style residences in E.G. Perry's early 1900s souvenir guidebook *A Trip Around Buzzard's Bay*.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be serving pancakes for the 18th year! Please join us for a night of fellowship, pancakes, sausage, syrup, and fixings on Tuesday, **February 25** (also known as Shrove Tuesday), from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. All are welcome. There will be a free-will offering.

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Mamma Mia! At Tabor

Tabor Academy invites the public to their free performance of their winter musical, *Mamma Mia!*, on **February 13, 14 and 15** at 7:30 pm.

Mamma Mia! is based on the music of the Swedish pop band ABBA, who were active between 1972 and 1982, and remain one of the most popular international groups of all time. In Catherine Johnson's book for the musical, she uses the songs to tell the story of Donna, a single mother, whose daughter Sophie is about to get married and secretly invites three men who might be her father to her wedding. The story is set in the 1990s and pits the feminist, anti-marriage views of Donna, who came of age in the 1970s, against her daughter's desire to know who her father is, and

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Vernon Russell Tisdale of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett formerly of Westwood died peacefully on January 25 surrounded by his family at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a 23 year battle with cancer.

Loving husband of Ann (Schultz) Tisdale; brother to Donald and Sheila Tisdale of Walpole, NH, Robert and Dianne Tisdale of Keene, NH, and June and David Kanter of Lebanon, CT; brother-in-law to

Susan and Thomas Wyman of Keene, NH.

Vern will be cherished and remembered always by his three children and their spouses Lindsay and Jarlath Forde of Dover, MA, Tracy and Joshua Orr of Cambridge, MA, and Nathan Tisdale of Fairhaven, MA. He will forever be a loving Papa to William, Marin, Caroline, Hugh, Amelia and Katie and a favorite uncle of his many nieces and nephews.

Born in Jamaica, New York to Joseph and Doris Tisdale; the family moved to Keene, NH when Vernon was 12 years old. Vern was a basketball letterman at Keene High School where he met the love of his life, Ann Schultz. She was two years his junior and a cheerleader for his basketball team. The two married in 1969 and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with many friends and family. The love they shared was one of a kind.

Vern attended Nasson College in Springvale, ME where he played both basketball and golf and graduated Cum Laude with a degree in chemistry. While at Nasson, Vern traveled to Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) representing the school as part of the Experiment in International Living. This experience instilled in him a love of travel and different cultures. He went on to receive his PhD in organic chemistry from Purdue University, graduating in 1976 and moving to Chicago, IL for his first job with Sherwin-Williams. Vern had a long and successful career in sales and marketing with cutting-edge scientific instrumentation companies including PerSeptive Biosystems in Cambridge and Framingham and Waters Corporation in Milford. During his career he was able to rekindle his love of travel while working extensively throughout Europe and Asia promoting strategic partnerships. Ann was able to join him on many of his trips sharing these adventures. Vern retired from Waters Corporation in 2017.

He was a very involved dad supporting his children in their many sports and activities like learning father-daughter dances, coaching baseball and basketball, assisting with science projects and teaching Sunday school. His support continued for his grandchildren attending school and sports events and sharing a love of his hobbies with them.

Vern was an avid boater, enjoying the peace and quiet of a boat under sail. His love of sailing began as a young man in Keene where he sailed on Spofford Lake. This love became

a lifelong passion for all things boats - searching, buying, collecting, selling, and sometime restoring. His favorite boat was his beloved Butterfly, a boat designed and built in Mattapoisett which he moored there for nearly 30 years. It was this boat that lead to his discovery of the seaside towns of Mattapoisett and Fairhaven that he loved so much.

In addition to boating, Vern loved golfing with his son and friends, antique homes, vintage woodworking tools, gardening, his Honda Element, and a good German beer.

During his long battle with cancer, Vern continued to remain positive, upbeat and hopeful to the very end. His faith in the science of medicine ("Better Living Through Chemistry," was what he always said) helped keep him optimistic about the future. Even his many doctors commented on his positive outlook and his interest in the science behind his myriad treatments. Ann continued to be his cheerleader throughout his illnesses and hospitalizations, buoying his spirits if they ever did start to dip. His strength and courage will be remembered by us all.

Donations may be made in Vern's memory to the Mattapoisett Community Sailing Association, P.O. Box 947, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Holden, Dunn and Lawler Funeral Home, 55 High Rock St., Westwood on Thursday Feb. 6th from 4-7 pm. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at The First Parish of Westwood United Church, 252 Nahatan St., Westwood on Friday morning Feb. 7th at 11 am. Interment private.



José R. "Joe" Beatriz, 85, of Mattapoisett died January 30, 2020 peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was the husband of Kathy Downey with whom he shared 44 loving years.

Born and raised in Faro, Portugal, son of the late José G. and Alice (Aldeia) Beatriz, he immigrated to New Bedford in 1959 where he lived before moving to Mattapoisett in 1988.

He was a humble and hardworking man who worked on his family farm from a young age in Portugal and spent most of the last 45 years on the New Bedford waterfront, as a fisherman and wholesale seafood buyer, owner of the F/V Niagara Falls and F/V Lady Jay, and founding partner of Trio Algarvio. He enjoyed his waterfront friendships and being involved with the unloading of fishing vessels.

Joe truly loved his work and was active in his business until a few days before his death. When he wasn't working, he loved to spend time growing vegetables in his garden, eating out, and spoiling his family endlessly.



OBITUARIES

He will be remembered for his work ethic, strength, generosity, and the love he had for his family. He was proudest of the accomplishments of his children and the women they have become.

Survivors include his wife; 3 daughters, Elizabeth Beatriz and her partner, Michael Klobucher of Boston; Christine (Beatriz) Balsamo and her husband, Robert of Haverhill; and Colleen Beatriz of Mattapoisett; and a granddaughter, Sofia.

He was the brother of the late Armand Beatriz.

His funeral will be held on Saturday February 8th at 8:30 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Rita's Church at 9:30 am. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Friday, February 7th from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care in Fairhaven or the Fishing Partnership in New Bedford. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Alice D. Clapp, 96, of Rochester, died Sunday, February 2, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Raymond W. Clapp.

Born in Cambridge, the daughter of the late William H. and Mariam (Burns) Davis of Brookline, she was a Rochester resident for 60 years. Mrs. Clapp was an administrative assistant for New England Telephone for over 35 years until her retirement in 1985 and a crusader of human rights for her son, afflicted with autism. Later in life, she enjoyed traveling around the world, playing bridge with her many friends, and enjoyed being a grandmother.

She is survived by her two sons, William D. Clapp and his wife Lisa of Rochester, and James E. Clapp of Hubbardston, and her grandson, Callum K. Clapp of Rochester. She was predeceased by her sisters, the late Harriet Dytch and Dorothy Gilbert of Marshfield.

Her funeral arrangements are being handled by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham. Visiting hours will be Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 from 4 - 7 pm followed by a funeral service on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at 10 am at the funeral home. Interment will be in Rochester Center Cemetery, Rochester.

For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Susan Jean Olson, (née Raleigh), of Rochester, MA, formerly of Newton, MA, died peacefully after a courageous cancer

battle, surrounded by her loving family, on February 2, 2020. Susan was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 41 years, Marc A. Olson. Susan is survived by her two daughters, Kristen A. Flores and her husband Nelson P. Flores, and Kerry L. Hawkins and her husband Robert M. Hawkins, her four grandchildren, Matthew Flores, Edward (Teddy), Andrew, and Riley Hawkins, all of Charlestown, MA, her sister Sara E. Raleigh and her husband Robert C. Kuncio of Wilmington, NC, her sister Melissa Raleigh-Ross and her husband Marc L. Ross of Boston, MA, her brother Daniel M. Raleigh, of Alicante', Spain, her brother-in-law Eric Olson of Falmouth, MA, her sister-in-law Leslie E. Olson of Quincy, MA, her sister-in-law Regina Gillis and her husband James Gillis of Dripping, Springs, TX, the late Judith T. Olson and her many beloved nieces and nephews. All are welcome to celebrate Susan's life at her Funeral Mass on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 10am at St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena Church, 55 Warren Street, Charlestown, MA. Visiting hours are omitted and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Make A Wish Foundation, Make-A-Wish® America Gift Processing 1702 East Highland Ave., Suite 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016. To share a memory of Susan, please visit www.eatonandmackay.com

Sally T. (Tolman) Hopkins, 87, of Rochester, died January 3, 2020 at home. She was the wife of John A. Hopkins and the daughter of the late Everett Deacon and Ora (Farnham) Tolman.

She was born in New London, CT and lived in Westwood and then in Marion for many years before moving to Rochester in 1996. She graduated from Westwood High School.

Mrs. Hopkins worked as a Librarian at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion for 17 years before retiring.

She was an avid gardener and talented knitter, sewer and cook.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, John A. Hopkins of Rochester; 3 daughters, Laura Hopkins of Arlington, Julie Hopkins of South Portland, ME and Patricia Guilday of Walpole; a son, John A. Hopkins, Jr. of York, ME; a sister, Shirley Hamblen of Lexington; 4 grandchildren, Lauren, Lisa, Katherine and Jennifer; a great granddaughter, Julie.

Her services are being held privately. Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. For more info and online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TriTown Happenings

Center School held a Health & Wellness Fair on January 23 for families of the students.



Roxanne Pinto, NP with safe alternatives to household cleaners. Photo by Chad Cabeceiras, Physical Education Teacher



GAGA pit provided by the Mattapoisett YMCA. Photo by Chad Cabeceiras, Physical Education Teacher



Healthy food choices available in the Center School cafeteria. Photo by Stacey Leonardo, Food Service Supervisor



The Marion Natural History Museum's after-school group enjoyed learning about minerals and fossils with geologist Jim Pierson. We also compared various artifacts such as relative sizes of Megalodon teeth versus White Shark, and took a look at many examples of fossils such as fish, leaves, and the tiny tracks of a trilobite. Many thanks to Jim for his wonderful program, and to the Tabor community service volunteers for their help with the program. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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have the perfect, traditional wedding. As the story unfolds, mother and daughter each search for her own authentic identity, and how to love, authentically, within it. The combination of such universal themes as the search for love and identity, with the undeniably catchy (and for some, deeply nostalgic) music of ABBA, is probably why this musical, a



preposterous idea on its face, so reliably hits home. The first production of *Mamma Mia!*, in London's West End, opened in 1999 and is still running. Since then, *Mamma Mia!* has been seen by over 54 million people in more than 40 countries. Tabor Academy is proud to add this production to the many before it.

The show runs February 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 pm in Tabor's Fireman Center for the Performing Arts in Hoyt Hall at 245 Front Street, Marion. It is free and open to the public, and no tickets or reservations are required. Carnations will be on sale in the lobby on Valentine's day, as well as a full array of concessions every night.

Adult Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

On Saturday, **February 15** at 10:30 am, join us for Adult 3D Print Workshop. We will go over the basics of how our 3D printer works, the uses of completed 3D prints, how to find designs, how to create designs, and after answer your questions. Please call or visit the library register before February 8.

Also on Saturday, **February 15** at 1:00 pm, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, the Boston Women's Heritage Trail will hold a special presentation of the history of the suffrage movement in Massachusetts. Reflective of the trail of the same name, travel through the streets of Boston learning about the greatest influencers and events of the suffrage movement without ever leaving your seat! It will include information about the arrest of suffragists during President Wilson's visit to Boston in 1919, the 1915-suffrage parade, and women including Lucy Stone, Alice Stone Blackwell,

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 26-Feb 1

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- Washburn Park – Animal complaint
- Landing Rd – Suspicious activity
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Emergency services
- Oakdale Ave – Larceny/past
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Disturbance
- South St – EMS/medical
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy - Transport
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Dexter Rd – Message delivery
- Island Wharf Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – MV collision
- Route 105 – MV stop/citation
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Converse Rd - Trespassing
- Jenney Ln – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Parkway Ln – Paper service
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Transport
- Point Rd – Found property
- Converse Rd – 911 abandoned
- Route 195 West – Suspicious person
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 26-Feb 1

- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Parking complaint
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Be on the lookout
- Mechanic St – Domestic disturbance
- Beach Rd - Trespassing
- North St – Disabled MV
- Crystal Spring Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Property found
- Beach Rd – General service
- North St – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – MV violations
- North St – Animal control
- Mechanic St – General service
- Pepperbrush Ln – General service
- Alderberry Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Ocean Dr – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- County Rd – Past disturbance
- River Rd – Health/welfare
- Aucoot Rd – Gunshots reported
- I195 East – Animal control
- North St – Restraining order
- County Rd – Medical/assist
- County Rd – Stolen property
- Maplewood St - Disturbance
- Church St – Medical/assist
- Acushnet Rd – Gunshots reported

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 26-Feb 1

- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious MV
- Snipatuit Rd – Medical emergency
- North Ave – Erratic operation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – MV/erratic operation
- Perrys Ln – Parking issue
- Hartley Rd – MV stop/citation
- Annie's Way – Animal control
- Deerfield Ter – Suspicious MV
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- County Rd – Animal control
- High St – MV stop/citation
- Burgess Ave – MV accident
- Hartley Rd – Medical emergency
- Marys Pond Rd – Outside fire
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Benjamin Dr – Medical emergency
- Stuart Rd – MV accident
- Snipatuit Rd – Medical emergency
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- High St – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Boxberry Ln – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd – MV/erratic operation
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- New Bedford Rd – MV complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 10: Turkey stew w/ vegetables, confetti rice, oatmeal roll, fresh orange, yogurt cup

Tuesday, Feb 11: Spaghetti/meatballs w/ tomato sauce, Roman vegetables, dinner roll, pineapple

Wednesday, Feb 12: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, shipped sweet potatoes, green beans, whole wheat hamburger roll, Mandarin oranges

Thursday, Feb 13: German beef stew w/ vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, oatmeal bread, cinnamon applesauce

Friday, Feb 14: Special Meal: Broccoli & cheese stuffed chicken, rosemary red potatoes, California vegetable blend, snowflake roll, mini red velvet cake, diet: low-sugar cake

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 10: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Tuesday, Feb 11: Taco Nacho: choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Wednesday, Feb 12: French toast, sausage, sweet potato rounds **2nd choice:**

Bug bite fun lunch

Thursday, Feb 13: Oven fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Friday, Feb 14: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 10: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Tuesday, Feb 11: Taco Nacho: Choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Wednesday, Feb 12: French toast, sausage, sweet potato rounds **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Thursday, Feb 13: Oven fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Friday, Feb 14: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 10: Asian chicken, vegetable

lo mein, fortune cookie

Tuesday, Feb 11: Taco Nacho: Choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa

Wednesday, Feb 12: French toast, sausage, sweet potato rounds

Thursday, Feb 13: Oven fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll

Friday, Feb 14: Quesadilla (chicken or cheese), fried rice, sour cream, black bean & corn salsa

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 10: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Tuesday, Feb 11: Taco Nacho: Choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Wednesday, Feb 12: French toast, sausage, sweet potato rounds **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Thursday, Feb 13: Oven fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Friday, Feb 14: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup **2nd choice:** Bug bite

fun lunch

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 10: Asian chicken, vegetable lo mein, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Tuesday, Feb 11: Taco Nacho: Choice of chicken or beef, shredded lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese sauce, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Wednesday, Feb 12: French toast, sausage, sweet potato rounds **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Thursday, Feb 13: Oven fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, roasted potato wedges, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

Friday, Feb 14: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, fruit cup **2nd choice:** Bug bite fun lunch

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 10: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies

Tuesday, Feb 11: Macaroni & cheese, green beans & bread stick

Wednesday, Feb 12: Pizza & chicken patty

Thursday, Feb 13: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Feb 14: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Julia Ward Howe, and others. No registration required. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library.

On Tuesday, **February 18** at 11:00 am, join Heather Hobler for her Creating Balance with Yoga program. Learn simple yoga poses and subtle breathwork to create equilibrium in body and mind in this one-hour free workshop. Yoga mats are not necessary. Wear comfortable clothes. For adults and teens. Register by calling the library or stopping at the circulation desk.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

Marion Election and Voter Information

Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's office for the May 15, 2020 Annual Town Election. There are several positions available and we encourage you to get involved! The nomination papers must be signed by at least 20 voters registered in Marion (which will be certified by the Registrars) and must be turned in by 5:00 pm on Monday, **March 23**. For more information, please call Lissa Magauran in the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 or email her at lmagauran@marionma.gov.

Absentee Ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office for those of you who will not be in Marion for the presidential primary on March 3, 2020 or in Marion for early voting which will take place beginning Monday, February 24 through Friday, February 28, 2020 during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's office. You may

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ACROSS

- 1 Approach intrusively
7 Lamenters' sound
11 Process of going bad
19 Attach with heat, as a patch
20 Heart sections
22 When shows are broadcast
23 Butler or maid
25 Fish also called a largemouth
26 Mop
27 At that point
28 CNN anchor
30 China's Mao — -tung
31 1960s reform movement in China
38 "Sid the Science Kid" network
41 Tracker maker, once
42 Convert to the Koran's religion
43 Chevy model
45 Suffix with towel

- 48 Korean, Thai or Chinese
52 Precipitating heavily
57 Big Apple sch.
58 Off-white
59 March composer
60 Cease
61 Lives (in)
63 It lures fish
65 Loss of memory
67 Posed (for)
68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"
74 "— recall ..."
75 Headlined
76 Dying words from Caesar
77 Inflicts upon
79 Honshu sash
80 Small piece
83 Ad biz prize
87 Collaborator
88 Person in the third decade of life
91 Frantic scramble
94 Correct copy
95 Hitchcock classic
96 Light blue avenue in Monopoly

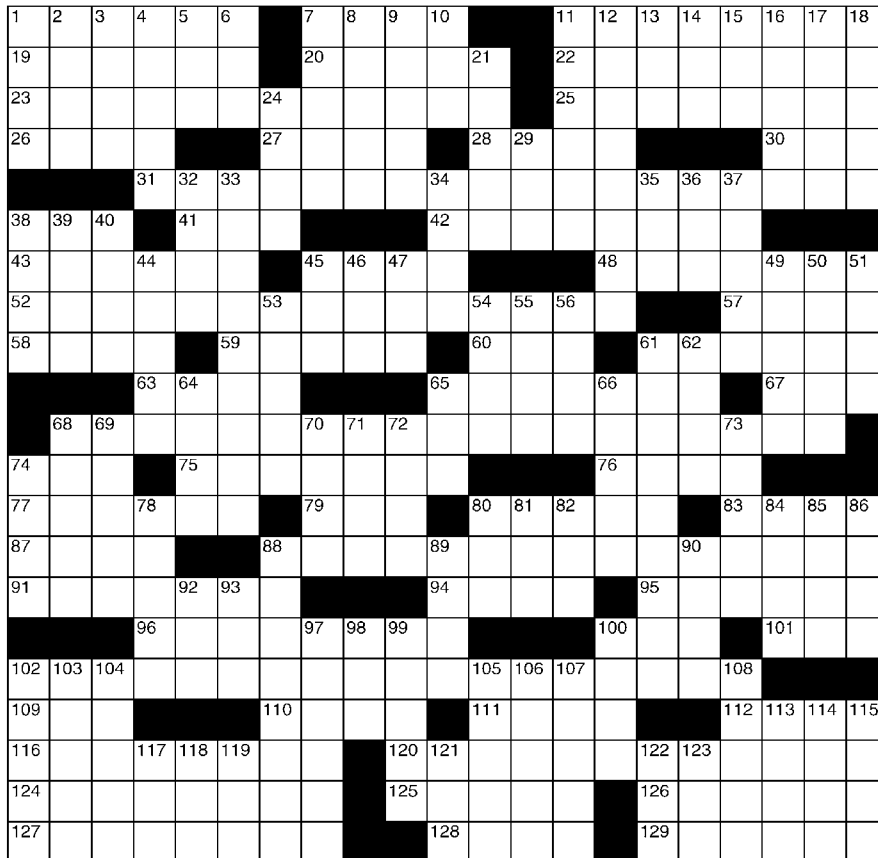
- 100 Neat — pin
101 Announcer Hall
102 American flier with scarlet patches
109 Special time
110 Tabula —
111 Postal letters
112 Get in return
116 Person petting
120 What the last words of 23-, 31-, 52-, 68-, 88- and 102-
124 Unusual
125 1983 Streisand film
126 Holy rings
127 Property of a magnet
128 Solar output
129 Fully ready

DOWN

- 1 Bails out, e.g.
2 Brag loudly
3 Unconscious state
4 Final non-A.D. year
5 "Mayday!"
6 Blast source
7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)
8 Alternative
9 Game venue
10 Zip
11 Mouth liquid
12 Billy Joel hit
13 Planet Mork came from
14 Suffix with social
15 Ad- —
16 Rare violin
17 Undercoat for painting on wood
18 West German city
21 People who mimic
24 "What's — ya?"
29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.
32 Tangelo trademark
33 Tilts one's body toward
34 Bank claim
35 Fleur-de- —
36 Israeli arm
37 Poke fun at
38 Conduit
39 Coll. hotshot
40 Motivate
44 Island near Venezuela
45 College Web site suffix
46 Set- — (sharp fights)
47 Old United rival

- 49 Oklahoma oil city
50 Mosaic work
51 Certain skin bulge
53 "You — see this!"
54 — Martin (cognac)
55 British queen
56 "Beware the — of March!"
61 Coke Zero alternative
62 Witch's blemish
64 Secy., e.g.
65 Moreover
66 Vapor
68 Land in water, in Italy
69 Use, as a tool
70 Sweat of one's —
71 "Kill — killed!"
72 Hold in check
73 Small state ruled by a sovereign
74 Eve's man
78 Actor Max von —
80 Rocker Barrett
81 CBS drama
82 Turn rancid
84 Pet parasites

- 85 With a sharp picture, for short
86 Hymn start
88 Epithet for Alexander
89 Be a ratfink
90 Alexis I, e.g.
92 Jackie's hubby #2
93 Offense
97 Almost
98 Six-pt. plays
99 Cry like —
100 Amply skilled
102 Rundown
103 Bards' Muse
104 Singer Hall
105 Oven maker
106 Spiteful
107 Passes idly, as time
108 Dryly funny
113 Slaughter of baseball
114 James with a Pulitzer
115 Discreet call
117 MPG monitor
118 Chaplin's title
119 — -fi flick
121 Always, poetically
122 Oldies group — Na Na
123 "Tonka" star Mineo



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

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The Voter Registration deadline for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary is Wednesday, **February 12**.

You can register to vote online here: www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/. For copies of the aforementioned forms, email lmagauran@marionma.gov or call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502.

Open Table

The next Open Table will be **February 14** in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Bring a loved one to help us celebrate Valentine's Day. The menu is usually a surprise, but it is bound to be something delicious. There is no charge for the meal, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community event and everyone is welcome. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

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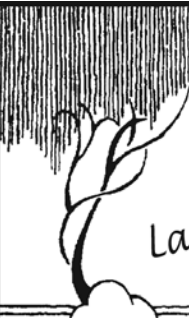
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Enjoy the artwork of these talented individuals. Dannie Engwert will be giving a demonstration on her loom. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Karen Gregory at the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570.

Pinewood Derby

Mattapoisett Cub Scout Pack 53 is excited to announce its annual running of its Pinewood Derby competition on Saturday, **March 28** at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Onsite registration begins at 9:30 am and racing begins at 10:00 am. We are running two divisions – one just for the Cub Scouts and one for Pinewood Derby enthusiasts. If you are an enthusiast and want to compete for bragging rights, please join us. Details of the competition and rules are on our Pack website: sites.google.com/site/mattapoisettpack53/pinewood-derby

Entrants will need to create their own Pinewood Derby car creation from a block of wood. Kits, including a regulation block of wood and wheels, are available for purchase for \$5 each from the Pack. Please contact Frances Kearns at pack53cubscout@gmail.com to learn more.

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LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES
TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:10 pm in the Board of Selectmen meeting room of the Marion Town House. The hearing is to discuss the proposed amendment to the Marion Sanitary Code, Section 9.20, Bathing Beaches and Swimming Pools Regulation. The purpose of the regulation is for all outdoor swimming pools, including in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools, hot tubs and spas shall be provided with a barrier that is four (4) feet in height which complies with the requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code, appendix 120.M, Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs, as may be amended from time-to-time, and such requirements are incorporated herein. Copies of the proposed regulation may be obtained in the Board of Health office, 2 Spring Street, Marion. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/30, 2/4 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:20 pm in the Board of Selectmen meeting room of the Marion Town House. The hearing is to discuss the proposed amendment to the Marion Sanitary Code Regulation, Section 12, imposing a cap on the "Maximum Number of Tobacco Product Sales Permits". The purpose of the regulation is to impose a cap on the number of retail tobacco stores. Copies of the proposed regulation may be obtained in the Board of Health office, 2 Spring Street, Marion. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 1/30, 2/4 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing has been scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 6:50 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of NEW ELEMENTS, LLC; dba New Rustico LLC, 62 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for an Entertainment License. Manager of record to be Albert J. Meninno, Jr. Paul A. Silva, Chairman Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman 1/30, 2/6 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing has been scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of MICHAEL WARD adding two additional acres to his currently approved two acres. Location Coordinates for additional acreage: 41°37'29.91"N 70°50'26.80"W Existing Corner 41°37'28.47"N 70°50'28.73W Existing Corner 41°37'32.96"N 70°50'30.37W Proposed Corner 41°37'31.57"N 70°50'32.50W Proposed Corner Final exact location in the vicinity of these coordinated to be ascertained by State through a required benthic survey.	A complete copy of the application, supporting documentation, and maps associated with the request are available at the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Paul A. Silva, Chairman Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman 1/30, 2/6 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #774 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 27, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of DIANA CRESS for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1A and 230-5.5 to allow the construction of a single family home, three accessory guest houses with no kitchens and a two car garage on the same tract with one ownership and served by a common private access road. The property, located at 114 Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 1 as Lots 19 and 20. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 2/6, 2/13 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1148 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of CHRIS MAKUCH for property located at 89 Ryder Road, identified on Assessor's Map 21, Lot 27, who is seeking 2 Variances under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2. (7), (Formerly Section VIII.C.2.); one to construct a garage over 1,000 square feet, and the other to construct the proposed garage closer than 40 feet from the side property line setback requirement. The public hearing will be held on February 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way. David Arancio, Chairman 2/6, 2/13 LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS and FILED SUB-BID SUBCONTRACTORS TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT MASSACHUSETTS Mattapoisett Fire Headquarters 64 County Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739 INVITATION FOR BIDS The Town of Mattapoisett, hereinafter referred to as the Awarding Authority, hereby invites sealed bids for the above-entitled project in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Context Architecture. Bids shall be on a form supplied by Biddocs Online, shall be clearly identified as a bid, and signed by the bidder. Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L.c. 149 Sections 44A – 44I and in accordance with the provisions of the contract documents entitled: MATTAPOISETT FIRE HEADQUARTERS. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocs.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online.	ALL SUB-BIDS for the trades listed below will be received 2:00 pm on 5 March 2020 and publicly opened on-line, forthwith. GENERAL BIDS will be received until 2:00 pm on 19 March 2020 and publicly opened on-line, forthwith. General bidders must be certified by DCAMM pursuant to M.G.L.c. 149 Section 44D. The total Construction cost is estimated at \$8,000,000. Filed sub-contracts will be required on the work in the following categories: MASONRY 04 20 00 METAL FABRICATIONS (MISCELLANEOUS METALS) 05 50 00 DAMP-PROOFING & SEALANTS 07 00 01, 07 16 00, 07 16 13, 07 92 00 ROOFING & FLASHING 07 00 02, 07 54 23, 07 62 00 GLASS & GLAZING 08 00 08, 08 44 13, 08 80 00 TILE 09 00 03, 09 30 00, 09 63 43 RESILIENT FLOORING 09 00 06, 09 65 13, 09 65 18 PAINTING 09 00 09, 09 91 00, 09 91 13, 09 91 23 ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEMS 09 51 00 FIRE PROTECTION 21 00 00 PLUMBING 22 00 00 HVAC 23 00 00 ELECTRICAL 26 00 00 A PRE-BID conference for the new Fire Headquarters will be held on Wednesday February 12, 2020 at 10:30 am at the Town Library Meeting Room at 7 Barstow Street Mattapoisett, MA. After the Pre-Bid Conference a walk of the site at 64 County Road will take place. BID DOCUMENTS, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS will be available on 5 February 2020 at www.BidDocsOnline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or from Nashoba Blue, Inc. The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167 There is a Plan Deposit of \$100 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs Online Inc. Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. 2/6, 2/13 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFP REGARDING REAL PROPERTY The Town Administrator of the Town of Marion, at the Direction of the Marion Board of Selectmen, is soliciting responses from interested parties for the sale of the property located at 13 Atlantis Dr., Marion, MA or most recently known as the Atlantis Drive Facility for the Town of Marion. This solicitation is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, and all contracts for sale or all lease documents must be strictly awarded in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposal regarding Real Property Transactions. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP or otherwise provide additional

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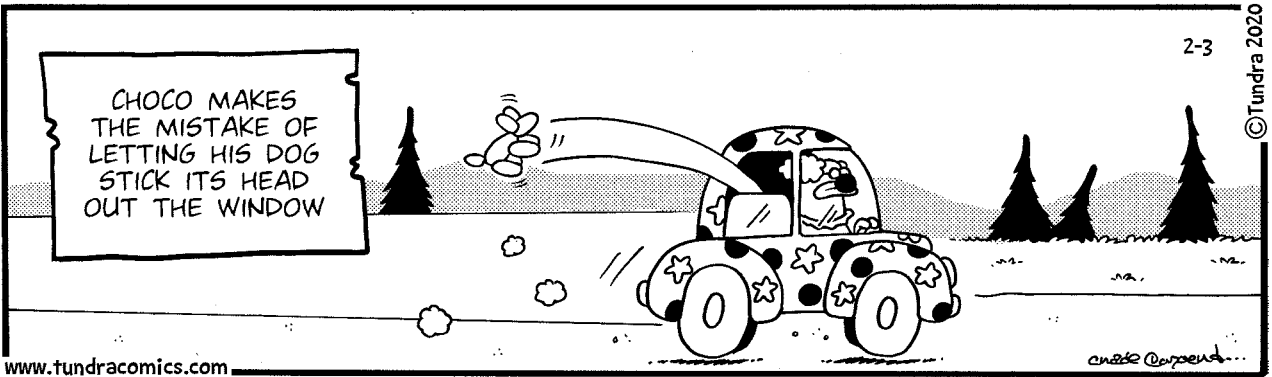
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information, an addendum will be issued to all prospective proposers who received copies of the original request. There will not be a formal pre-response conference for this RFP. Access to the building may be granted by calling the Town Administrator's Office. Responses are due on March 13, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Town Administrator Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. An award will be tentatively made within 90 days and sale negotiations may begin at that time with the top proposer. Specifications and bid forms will be available on the Town of Marion website, under the announcements link at www.marionma.gov. The Town Administrator and the Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any or all proposals when it deems it to be in the best interest of the Town. 2/6, 2/13 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the TOWN OF ROCHESTER, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA	02770 for work at the Leonard's Pond Recreational Area canoe/cartop boat access off Mary's Pond Road designated as Lot 9B on Rochester Assessors' Map 11. The applicant proposes to add dense grade gravel and regrade the existing parking lot and eroding canoe/cartop access path to Leonard's Pond, add a proposed water bar, remove the large boulder and replace with 2 smaller boulders and a removable bollard to allow emergency access. Siltation control measures will be implemented. The property owner of record is the Rochester Conservation Commission, Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 2/6 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner CHRIS MAKUCH, 89 Ryder Road, Rochester, MA 02770 for work on property located at 89 Ryder	Road, designated as Lot 27 on Rochester Assessors' Map 21. The applicant seeks a determination and confirmation that the mapped perennial stream per USGS is not a perennial stream in accordance with 310 CMR 0.58(2)(1). Documentation via field observation and photography was submitted by a wetland scientist confirming no flow on 4 consecutive days from 12/26/19-12/29/19. The applicant proposes construction of a 36' by 42' garage outside of the 100 Foot Buffer Zone and mapped Priority Habitat of Rare Species. The applicant's representative is wetland scientist Elyse Tripp of Outback Engineering, Inc., 165 East Grove Street, Middleborough, MA 02346. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 2/6 Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com



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Cub Scouts Learn Campfire Skills

Mattapoissett Land Trust (MLT) welcomed scouts, siblings, and parents from Cub Scout Pack 53 to Dunseith Gardens on Saturday, February 1 for a campfire and winter hike. MLT's Gary Johnson demonstrated how to build a



"log cabin" style campfire with all-natural tinder, kindling, fire logs, and a single match! Once the fire was lit, MLT's Paul "Ozzie" Osenkowski led a short hike to the small stream at the northeast

corner of the property and talked to the scouts about the history of the stream as the source of water for cranberry bogs many years ago on the east side of North Street. Once the fire was ready, the outing concluded with s'mores roasted by the scouts and a rousing game of tag. All in all, it was a great outing, and MLT looks forward to welcoming the scouts back to our properties soon.

Census 2020 Speaker at the Mattapoissett Library

The public has two opportunities to hear a presentation about the upcoming federal Census and to ask questions about how to complete the form. Census Partnership Specialist Jose Da Cunha will offer the presentations at the Mattapoissett Library on Thursday, **February 20** at 11:00 am and Tuesday, **February 25** at 6:30 pm.

Questions will be addressed such as should you include your college student who lives away? What if you reside in another state for part of the year? What if you have a post office box? How do you count your student in boarding school or a family member in the military or a tenant in your attached apartment? What if you leave some questions blank? These are just some of the particular questions that will be addressed by Mr. Da Cunha. He will go over the form in detail and explain why it is so important that everyone is counted once.

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Woodcutting to Begin for Wildlife Habitat Improvement

In 2018 and 2019 Mattapoissett Land Trust (MLT) hired foresters Phil Benjamin and Tom Farrell to create Forest Management Plans for 360 acres of woods in our Old Aucoot and Brandt Island Cove Districts. To improve habitat for wildlife, particularly birds, the foresters recommend selective thinning and limited tree harvest in certain forest areas to create more varied sizes and ages of trees, areas of additional sunlight, and to control invasive species.

In early February, habitat improvement woodcutting will begin on 90 acres of forest south of Route 6 near the Friends Meeting House and the Brownell blueberry patch. The MLT property will remain open to the public, but please stay well clear of woodcutting operations if you are hiking in the area. Please contact MLT at info@mattlandtrust.org or 774-377-9191 with any questions or for more information.

Marion Art Center

Open Poetry at the MAC - The next meeting of the MAC Open Poetry Club will be on Thursday, **February 6** from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Marion Art Center. The MAC Open Poetry Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. Laurie Knight, B. A., M. Ed., and former English teacher, leads the poetry group in a workshop format. Bring a poem to share, give and receive feedback, refine your style and contribute to the MAC poetry collection. The February focus is emotive voice and the use of descriptive language. Get creative and come join us!

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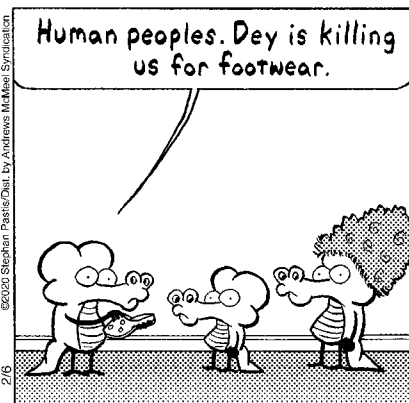
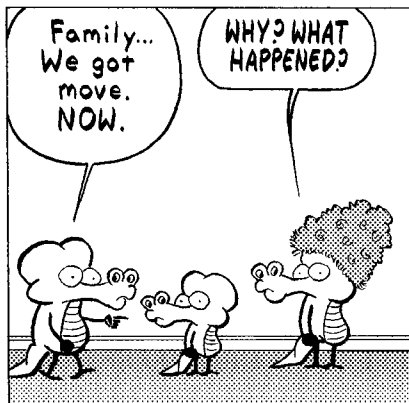
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The show opens on Friday, **February 21** with an evening reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. John Magnan will give an artist's presentation on Thursday, **February 27** beginning at 6:00 pm. During the presentation, John will discuss his creative process and the works currently on exhibit, followed by an informal Q&A period with attendees. Both events are free and open to the public. The show runs through **March 28**.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **February 10** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. Our guest speaker will be Mark Townsend, State Committeeman (1st Plymouth and Bristol District). The public and new members welcome.

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The Rochester Senior Center will be closed on Monday, **February 17** in observance of President's Day.

On Tuesday, **February 18** at 10:15 am, the Senior Book Club will meet at the Rochester Senior Center. This group is led by the Library Director and welcomes everyone. The book being discussed at this meeting is *Silas Marner*, 262 pages, written by George Eliot in 1861. It is the story of a linen weaver and is known for its strong realism and inclusion of topics such as community, religion and industrialization. The story takes place in the English countryside. The main character, somewhat of an outsider, is wrongly accused of stealing funds from the Calvinist congregation while he is caring for the very ill deacon. Next month's novel is a national bestseller, *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, written by Ryan Stradal.

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February Programs at Plumb Library

On Tuesday, **February 18** at 3:00 pm, it's "The Return of Tuesdays with Teachers" for ages 5 and up. Join Ms. Sollauer and Ms. Johnson of RMS for a story and craft about snowflakes. Registration is required.

On Tuesday, **February 18** and Friday, **February 21** starting at 10:30 am, it's Zumbini for ages 0-4 with Ms. Samantha Enos. This program combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, learning, and fun! Registration is required. Space is limited to 10 children aged 0-4.

Welcome to Fort Storytime on Wednesday, **February 19** at 10:30 am for ages 4 and up. Ms. Samantha, Library Page, will read stories in a blanket fort. After the stories are read, an edible craft will be made and eaten. Space is limited, so registration is required.

The Steam Team returns with Slime on Thursday, **February 20** at 3:00 pm for grades K-3. Ms. Allison, a member of the Junior Friends, will present a STEAM-themed story, then make slime. Registration is required.

On Friday, **February 21** at 3:00 pm, the Steam Team presents "The Science of Welding" with Ms. Emma, Old Colony welding student and member of the Junior Friends. Registration is required.

On Saturday, **February 22** at 11:00 am, Ms. Cathy and her dog Merida will present a class on Dog Safety with the 4H. Our dogs often tell us when they are uncomfortable with what we are doing, but we don't "speak dog". Come learn about dog safety with the Plymouth County 4-H Dog Safety program, featuring pet therapy dog, Merida and Cathy Acampora, author of *A Dog for Me* and *Please Don't Hug Me*. Books will be available for purchasing and signing. This class is only for ages 7 and up. Space is limited, so registration is required.

All programs will take place at the Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. Register on the library's Events Calendar found on our website: www.plumblibrary.com.

The Rochester Council on Aging Book Group will be discussing *Silas Marner* by George Eliot on Tuesday,

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February 18 at 10:15 am at the COA on Dexter Lane. Books are available at the library. Disappointed in friendship and love, and embittered by a false accusation, weaver Silas Marner retreats from the world with his loom, but soon finds his monastic existence forever changed by the arrival of an orphaned girl, whom he takes in and raises as his own daughter.

Just the Facts Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will discuss *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy* by Carol Anderson on Thursday, **February 20** at 6:30 pm at the Plumb Library. The New York Times best-selling author of *White Rage* presents a timely history of voter suppression that exposes America's insidious history of policies that have blocked African-American voting participation, placing particular focus on the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby ruling.

Cafe Parlez Book Discussion Group will discuss *The Library of the Lost and Found* by Phaedra Patrick on Thursday, **February 27** at 6:30 pm. A shy librarian whose kind heart is often exploited receives a mysterious book of fairy tales from the beloved grandmother she believed dead and embarks on a perspective-changing journey of astonishing family secrets.

Book Buds Kids Book Discussion group will discuss *Stargazing*, a graphic novel by Jen Wang on Friday, **February 28** at 4:00 pm. Chinese-American student Christine is devastated when her artistic best friend, Moon, falls dangerously ill amid revelations that she has been having visions about celestial beings telling her she does not really belong on Earth.

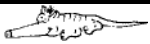
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 6	5:13	5:41	11:45	11:17
Friday	February 7	6:06	6:32		12:29
Saturday	February 8	6:55	7:21	12:08	1:14
Sunday	February 9	7:44	8:10	1:00	1:58
Monday	February 10	8:32	8:59	1:52	2:40
Tuesday	February 11	9:21	9:50	2:44	3:20
Wednesday	February 12	10:12	10:43	3:34	4:00
Thursday	February 13	11:06	11:38	4:24	4:41
Friday	February 14		12:01	5:20	5:27
Saturday	February 15	12:35	12:59	6:33	6:22
Sunday	February 16	1:34	1:58	8:35	7:33
Monday	February 17	2:36	3:03	9:56	9:03
Tuesday	February 18	3:44	4:11	10:56	10:19
Wednesday	February 19	4:50	5:13	11:43	11:08
Thursday	February 20	5:46	6:05	12:22	11:48
Friday	February 21	6:34	6:50		12:52
Saturday	February 22	7:16	7:32	12:26	1:18
Sunday	February 23	7:55	8:10	1:05	1:45
Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	February 1st			
	Full Moon	February 9th			
	Last Quarter	February 15th			
	New Moon	February 23rd			



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an armadillo. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the January 30, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 31!

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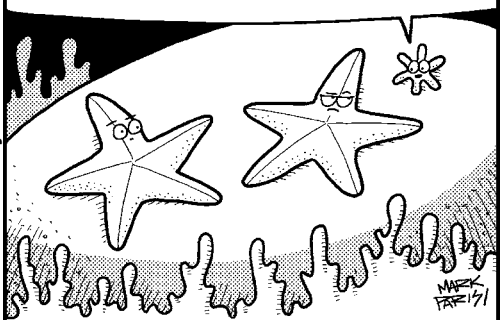
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	2	5	4	1	9	8	3	6	7
	9	3	1	7	4	5	8	2	6
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